



Arboretum Committee

Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Town Offices, Penn Place
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Consideration of minutes

Group

Keswick Street

- Wild honeysuckle (?) blocking fire hydrant
 - West-side of Keswick, just south of Strathmore
 - Prompt removal, please
- Finalization of trees for west side

Group

Tree tags and database reconciliation

Group

More regular *Bugle* postings?

Group

Adjournment

Potential future meeting dates

September 27, 2016

October 25, 2016

Future meetings conflicts (no meetings held)

November 22, 2016 (Tuesday before Thanksgiving)

December 24, 2016

April 2016 minutes:

Members present: Kathy Benjamin, Bill Elwood, Pat Keating, Jenny Krivanek, Michael Spekter, Phil Normandy

Town staff/officials: Peter Benjamin, Kacky Chantry, Gene Swearingen

Guests: Arthur Bennett, Courtney Culp, Irene Landsman, Margaret Goldsborough

The committee greeted our visitors. Bill Elwood provided a history of the selection process since the removal of the Keswick tulip poplars. Keswick residents listed plant-specific concerns including tree detritus. The entire group comprehensively discussed diversity in trees and plants, emergency parking choices, extant trees on private property, property lines, sight lines, specific species, and survey markers.

Bill Elwood summarized the issues, people's respective perspectives thereof, and asked the group to list three trees to share with the 10800-block Keswick neighbors. Phil Normandy would provide details on such trees; Gene Swearingen would share this information with the residents, request them to rank-order their preferences of these choices, and return the results to the Town. GPAC would consider these preferences at their next meeting when they would select a species for swift planting—given that a majority of residents would prefer tree replacements at everyone's earliest convenience. The species agreed upon for consideration are,

1. Bald cypress
2. Dawn redwood
3. London plane

Some members discussed the Arboretum database and the constraints a PDF version provides. Though all agreed on its overall utility, some members would appreciate the ability to sort the content using various filters (e.g., by street, date planted, species). Bill Elwood described the flexibility that a cloud-hosted version could provide the Committee, given that data entry can be limited to few, while data filtering/sorting could be available to many. Gene Swearingen stated that the Town would host the database and limit the number of "authors" to 2-3.

Phil Normandy proposed the replacement of a fallen tree with a Heritage Oak, a proposal that the members unanimously approved. With an enthusiastic reminder of the May 22nd tree walk, the meeting was adjourned.